



TEXAS STATE BISON HERD RESTORATION CELEBRATION

**CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK
QUITAUQUE, TEXAS**

SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2011

To commemorate the historic release of the Texas State Bison Herd at Caprock Canyons State Park, you are invited for a weekend of celebration activities. Following a ribbon cutting and dedication of the new bison habitat expanse, visitors can enjoy interpretive displays, living history exhibits, and a trail ride in the canyon, food and fun.



SATURDAY

(held at exhibition area on north side of Lake Theo)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.: Ribbon cutting ceremony

10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Exhibitors and vendors open

10:30 a.m. Trail Ride (Wild Horse Camping Area, but check in at Park Visitor Center). Ride with group or on your own.

Route will be the Lower Canyon Trail (approximately 8 miles). Park visitors should bring their own horse to ride the Trail Ride. Water for horses will be available at the North Prong parking lot, but all riders will need to bring their own drinking water.

Noon: Benefit lunch of bison burgers

6 p.m. Potluck cookout and dinner for riders in Wild Horse Camping Area. Riders bring salads, vegetables and desserts. Brisket and iced tea will be provided by Texas Equestrian Trail Riders Association.

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Group horseback ride on Canyon Rim Trail (or ride on your own)

**Come celebrate with us, Saturday and Sunday,
Sept. 17-18 at Caprock Canyons State Park**

Interpretive Displays • Living History Exhibits • Trail Rides • Potluck Cookout

**Call (806) 455-1492 for more information,
or visit www.texasstateparks.org/bison**

Current negative Coggins certification and Ride Liability Release required for all horses and riders. Park entry fees will be waived for this event, but regular camping fees apply.

RSVP and contact for more information on trail ride:
Barbara McKnight (254) 595-2119 or bmcknight3276@msn.com

Texas State Bison Herd Back at Home on the Open Range

The Official Texas State Bison Herd represents the last remaining examples of the Southern Plains Bison. Famed rancher Charles Goodnight started the remnants of the herd on his JA Ranch in the Texas Panhandle in 1878, in attempts to save the magnificent animals. The genetic-related herd managed to survive the decades since. And today, the next step in managing these symbols of the American West is to release them from captive pens back to their native home, free-roaming an open range of 1,000 acres at Caprock Canyons State Park. This will be a historic event, as it marks the first time these animals have had free range in their lifetimes, and will also provide visitors an up-close experience of seeing them roam throughout the park.